

Agenda Item: 7-8A
Meeting Dates: April 7 and 8, 2004

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE STATE WATER
RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD THAT IT PROCEED WITH THE AWARD OF
DRINKING WATER QUALITY AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GRANTS**

Summary: This resolution would recommend that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) proceed with awarding grants in accordance with the recommendations of the Consolidated Grants Selection Committee. These grants will fund drinking water quality and watershed management projects throughout the CALFED Program Solution Area and will further the goals of the CALFED Drinking Water Quality and Watershed Programs.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Authority adopt the attached Resolution 04-04-02.

Background

In response to stakeholder requests to integrate and coordinate related grant programs, the SWRCB consolidated and made available up to \$138 million in grants from eight interrelated programs administered by SWRCB. Consolidation allowed staff to reduce application efforts, better integrate CALFED and SWRCB program goals with those of our partner agencies, and involve stakeholders in the review process. The eight programs which make up this consolidated grants program are listed below; four of these programs are CALFED funding sources:

- Proposition 13 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program
- Proposition 13 Coastal Nonpoint Source Control Program
- Proposition 13 Watershed Protection Program
- Federal Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Implementation Program
- Proposition 13 CALFED Drinking Water Quality Program
- Proposition 50 CALFED Drinking Water Quality Program
- Proposition 13 CALFED Watershed Program
- Proposition 50 CALFED Watershed Program

As a result of input received during this consolidated grant process, the Authority will continue to work with stakeholders and implementing agencies to review and refine the process for future funding cycles.

The submittal of grant applications consisted of two separate steps. In March 2003, a Request for Grant Concept Proposal (Step 1) was released and the deadline for submittal was May 9, 2003. Six hundred ninety-three concept proposals, requesting a total of \$863 million, were received for all eight grant programs. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals were invited to respond to a Request for Full Proposals (Step 2) released in August 2003. The deadline for submittal of full proposals was October 15, 2003. A total of 173 full proposals, requesting \$188 million were invited to apply for funding. Of the 173 full proposals, 77 requested a total of \$87 million from the four CALFED programs.

Four review panels were assembled to review proposals for both steps in the grant project submittal process. One of these review panels was formed specifically to review projects requesting funding from the CALFED programs and included staff from the following organizations:

California Bay-Delta Authority Watershed Program	Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
California Bay-Delta Authority Drinking Water Quality Program	Latino Issues Forum
California Watershed Network	Regional Water Quality Control Boards 2,4,5, and 8
Department of Health Services	SWRCB
Department of Pesticide Regulation	Urban Creeks Council
Department of Water Resources	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Food and Agriculture	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Partnering with SWRCB in the Consolidated Grants process helps the Authority and its member agencies meet interrelated Drinking Water Quality and Watershed Program goals outlined in the Record of Decision. Drinking Water Quality Program selection criteria focused on constituents that impair Delta water quality, such as organic carbon, bromide, microbial pathogens, salinity, nutrients, turbidity, taste, odor and other drinking water pollutants of concern. Watershed Program selection criteria included CALFED Program goals and objectives, consistency with local and regional water quality plans and programs, performance and success measures, diverse stakeholder involvement, and community capacity building.

Each proposal received multiple independent technical reviews and funding recommendations were forwarded to the Selection Committee and SWRCB's Watershed Management Initiative Committee for review and approval.

All attachments associated with this topic will be available after April 1, 2004. Attachment 1 shows the specific proposals and grant amounts recommended for the Proposition 13 and 50 CALFED Drinking Water Quality and Proposition 13 and Proposition 50 CALFED Watershed Programs. Attachment 2 is a letter-size GIS map showing the location of all the recommended grant awards. Attachment 3 is a letter-

size GIS map showing the location of Drinking Water Quality Program recommendations. Attachment 4 is a letter-size GIS map showing the location of Watershed Program recommendations.

The Authority is being asked to recommend to the SWRCB, that they approve the grant awards in accordance with the committee's recommendations. The following table shows fiscal information for the Proposition 13 and Proposition 50 CALFED Drinking Water Quality and Watershed Programs based on these recommendations.

Fiscal Information

Funding Source	Term of Appropriation
*Proposition 13 CALFED Drinking Water Quality	\$2.7 million (SFY 01-02) \$10 million (SFY 02-03)
**Proposition 50 CALFED Drinking Water Quality	\$18.8 million (SFY 02-03)
*Proposition 13 CALFED Watershed Management	\$2.1 million (SFY 01-02) \$10 million (SFY 02-03)
**Proposition 50 CALFED Watershed Management	\$20 million (SFY 03-04)

Note: * Proposition 13 Projects must start after February 1, 2004 and end no later than March 31, 2007.
** Proposition 50 Projects must start after February 1, 2004 and end no later than March 31, 2008.

List of Attachments

Attachment 1 - Lists of Recommended Grant Awards (available after April 1, 2004)
Attachment 2 - GIS map showing the location of all the recommended grant awards (available after April 1, 2004)
Attachment 3 - GIS map showing the location of Drinking Water Quality Program recommendations (available after April 1, 2004)
Attachment 4 - GIS map showing the location of Watershed Program recommendations (available after April 1, 2004)
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**CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION 04-04-02**

**RECOMMENDING TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD THAT
IT PROCEED WITH THE AWARD OF DRINKING WATER QUALITY AND
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GRANTS**

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) coordinated the Consolidated Watershed Protection, Watershed Management, and Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants (Consolidated Grants Program), a two-step competitive grants process which solicited project proposals for eight interrelated grants programs from Proposition 13, Proposition 50, and Federal Clean Water Act section 319; and

WHEREAS, consolidation reduced application efforts, better integrated program goals with partner agencies, and involved stakeholders in the review process; and

WHEREAS, four of the grant programs will fund drinking water quality and watershed management projects throughout the CALFED Solution Area and will further the goals of the CALFED Drinking Water Quality and Watershed Programs; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB has completed a grant application and selection process that involved the collaboration and coordination of technical review by SWRCB, RWQCB, CALFED, USEPA, State agency staff, and non-governmental organization stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Bay-Delta Authority recommends to SWRCB that it proceed with the award of Drinking Water Quality and Watershed Management Grants in accordance with the Selection Committee's findings and list of recommended awardees.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that as a result of input received during this consolidated grant process, the Authority will continue to work with stakeholders and implementing agencies to review and refine the process for future funding cycles.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Assistant to the California Bay-Delta Authority does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Authority held on April 7 and 8, 2004.

Dated: _____

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